Abstract of the Disclosure

A system and method for extending instant messaging applications to telephony devices using voice recording, voice streaming, voice recognition and voice synthesis with the steps of: generating the speech synthesis of text messages, voice recognition for the performance of Instant Messaging functions, such as selecting a "buddy", changing status, sending a message, listening to a message, a mechanism for the recording and delivery of voice as part of an instant message that is part of an Instant Messaging system to Instant Messaging clients on electronic text messaging capable devices and telephony devices over networked systems such as the Internet, wireless networks, cellular networks, radio networks, and wireline networks.